GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:383
ANSWERED ON:21.04.2005
OBSCENITY IN TV PROGRAMMES AND ADVERTISEMENTS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has proposed to enact a new law to check beaming of obscene scenes on TV as reported in Hindu dated March 28, 2005;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) the time by which a new law is likely to be introduced;

(d) whether a separate Censor Board would be set up to ensure clearance of TV serials and advertisements; and

(e) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 383 FOR ANSWER ON 21/04/2005

(a) to (e): Government is contemplating the establishment of an autonomous Authority to regulate content on television channels. The need for such an authority has been long felt in our country. Such Authorities exist in almost all advanced countries in the world. The details are being worked out. As such, no time-frame can be indicated. Pre-telecast clearance of TV serials and advertisements is not being envisaged.